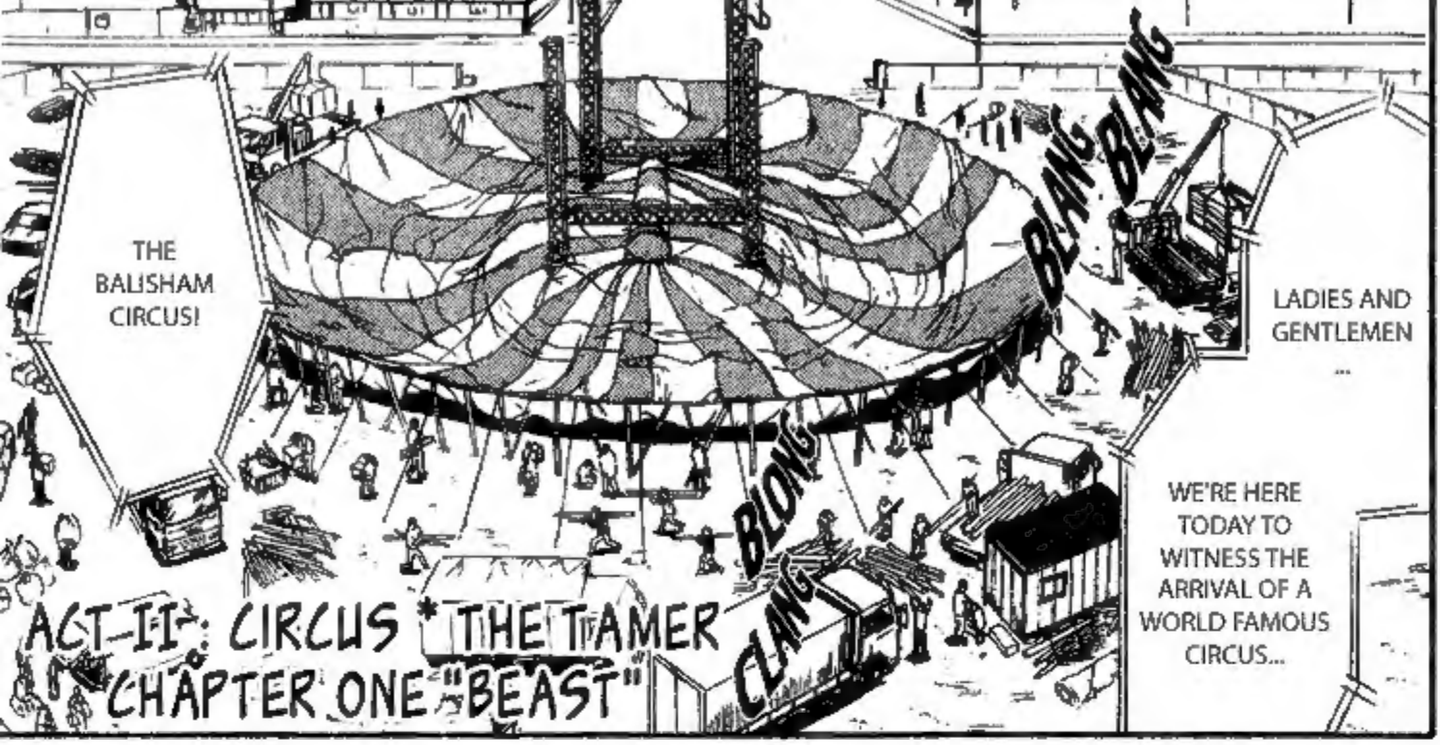
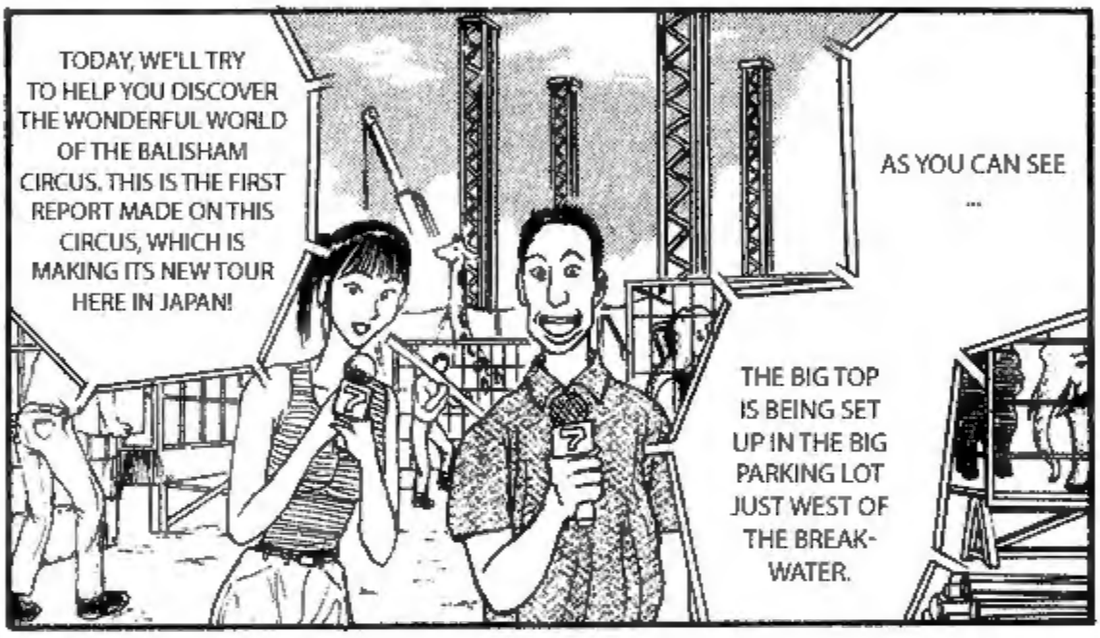

ACT-II: CIRCUS * THE TAMER
CHAPTER ONE "BEAST"
THE BALISHAM CIRCUS!
BLONG
CLANG
BLANG BLANG
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...
WE'RE HERE TODAY TO WITNESS THE ARRIVAL OF A WORLD FAMOUS CIRCUS...

YES?
MISTER DIRECTOR ...


TODAY, WE'LL TRY TO HELP YOU DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE BALISHAM CIRCUS. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT MADE ON THIS CIRCUS, WHICH IS MAKING ITS NEW TOUR HERE IN JAPAN!
AS YOU CAN SEE ...
THE BIG TOP IS BEING SET UP IN THE BIG PARKING LOT JUST WEST OF THE BREAK-WATER.

I'M TAKING CARE OF EVERY-THING! WE'RE GOING TO UNCOVER HIS CAGE!
HA...
I'M GOING TO PROVE THEY'RE WRONG!

WHAT?! THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
THE TAMERS TOLD US THAT WE COULDN'T FILM BEAST, YOUR TIGER ...

BUT THEY SAY THAT IT'S REALLY TOO RISKY TODAY ...

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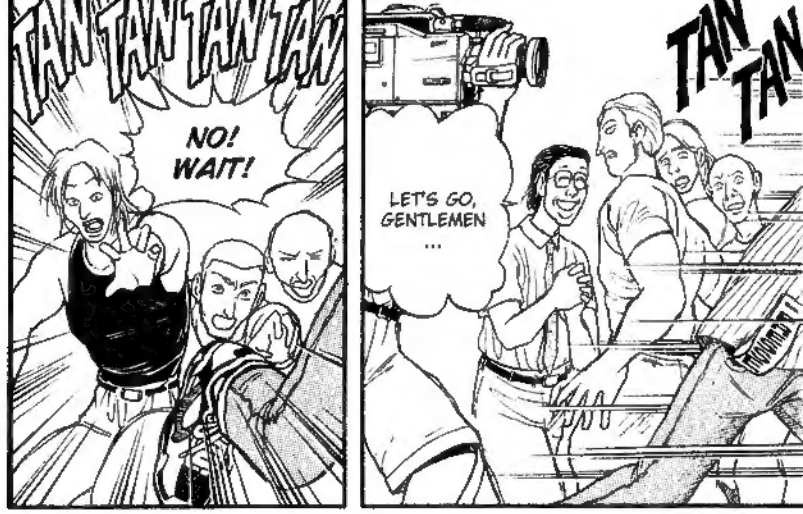
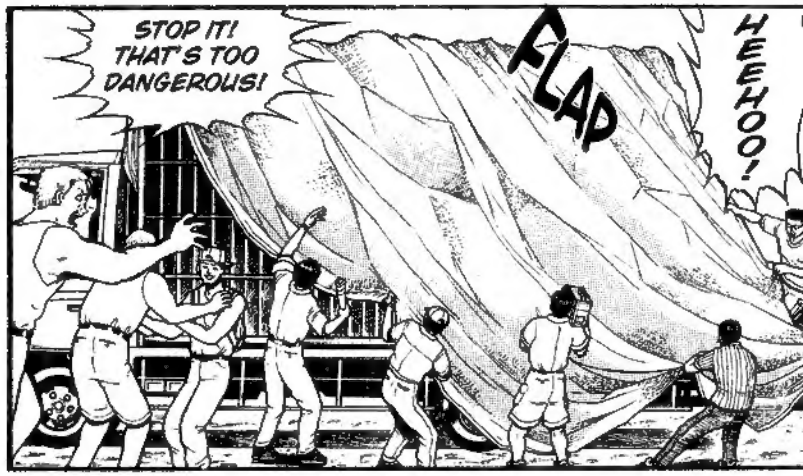
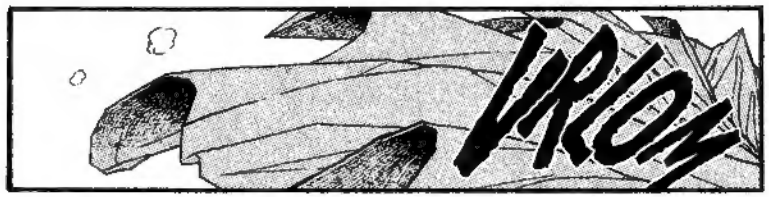

TAN TAN TAN TAN
NO! WAIT!
TAN TAN
LET'S GO, GENTLEMEN ...


STOP IT! THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
FLAP
HEEHOO!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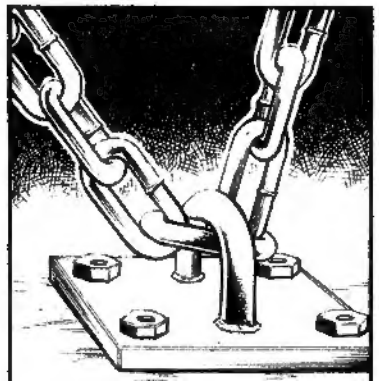


WHAT'S ALL THIS?
HOLY CHRIST ...

GRRRRRRRR

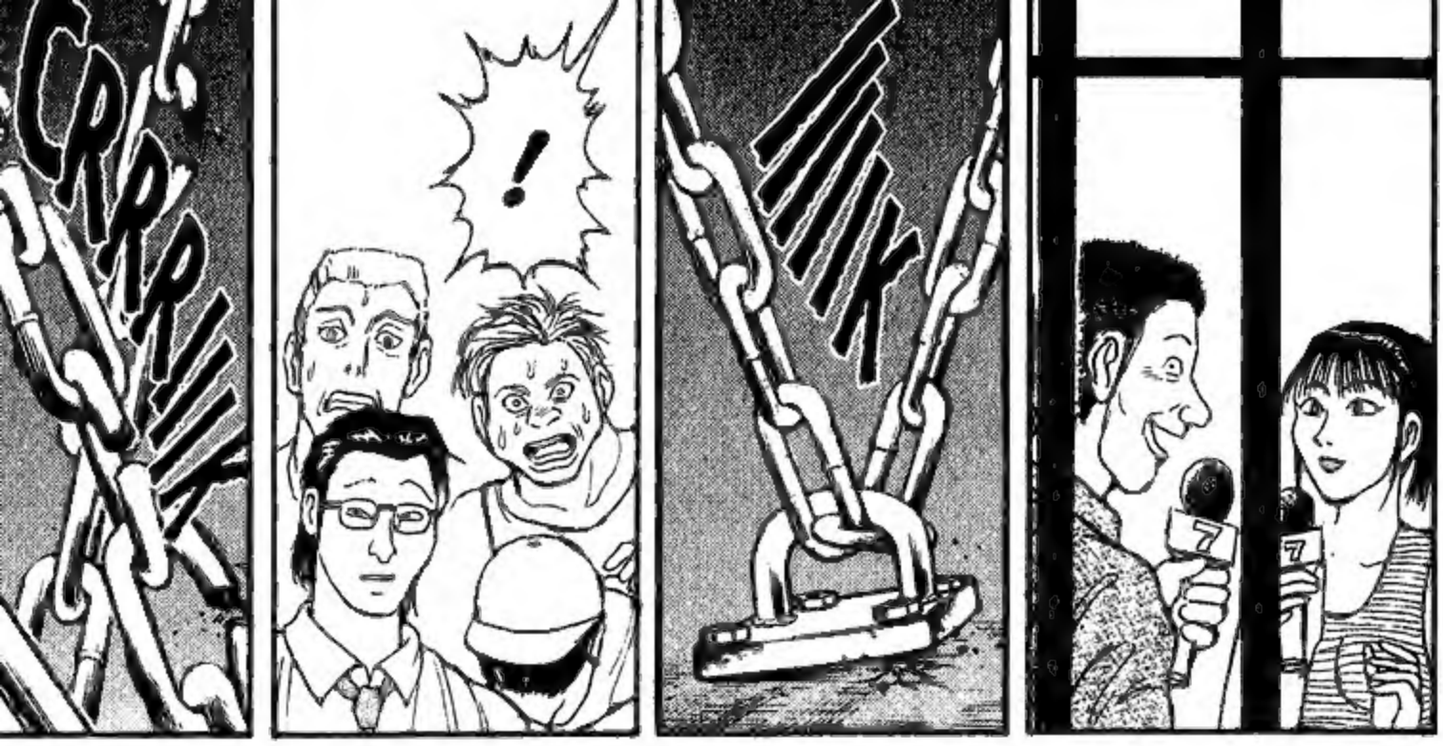
... BEAST!
HIS NAME COMES FROM A TERRIBLE STORY THAT HAPPENED IN ENGLAND IN 1983. THAT TIGER WAS SO MONSTROUS THAT HE WAS CALLED...

SO, THAT'S THE MONSTER WHO'S MAIMED EIGHT TAMERS?
... WHOAA ...

HE'S GOING TO MAKE A GREAT PUBLIC-ITY FOR US.
COME ON...
STOP IT! YOU MUSTN'T MAKE HIM ANGRY! OTHERWISE...

RRRR

HI HI HI!
DID YOU SEE THAT? THAT BIG CAT CAN BE AS WILD AS HE WANTS. WITH THAT MANY CHAINS, HE WON'T DO ANY HARM!


CRRRIK
!
IIIK

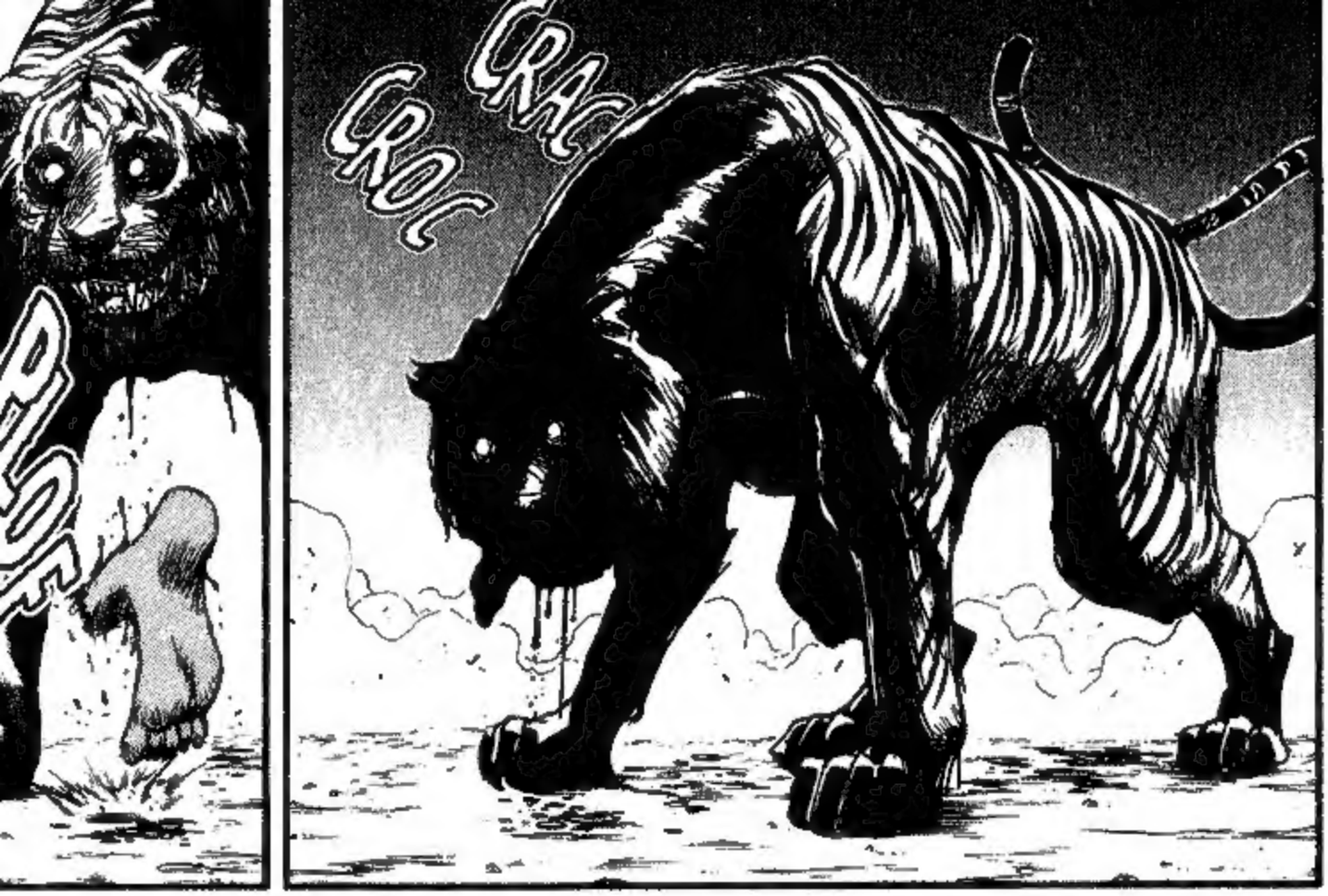
SKRR

AH
HUM?

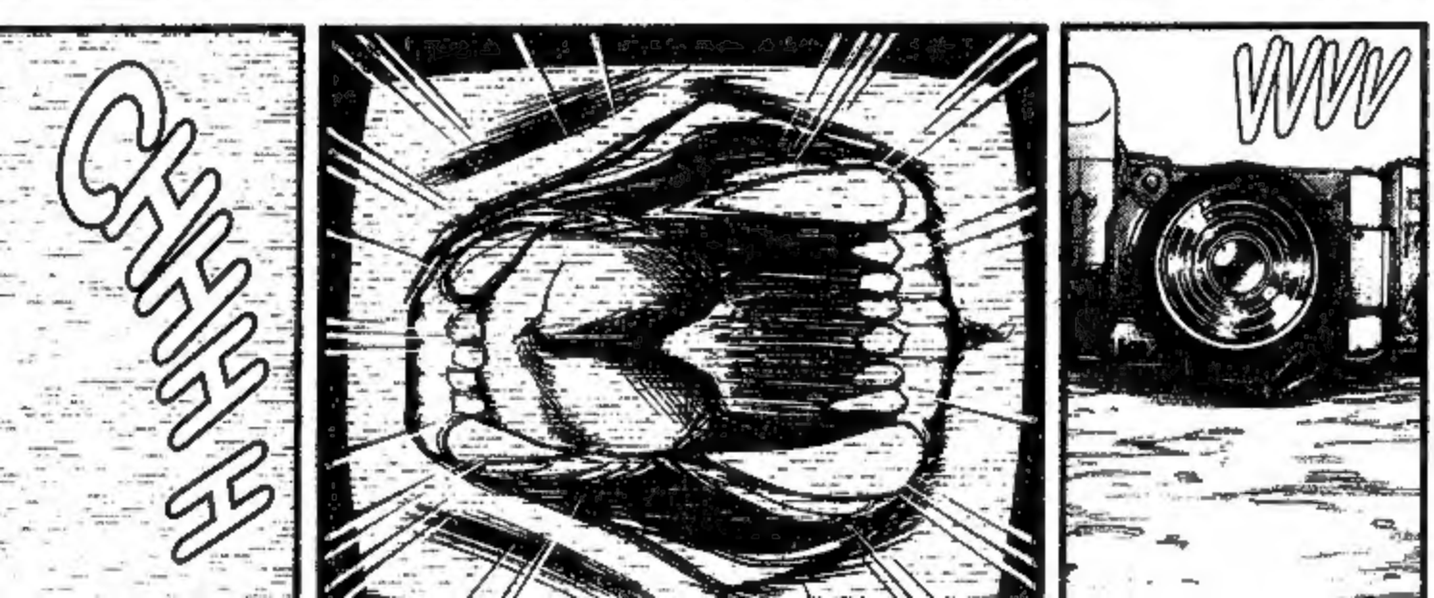
AHHH!
SP
AHHH!

THE ... THE CAGE! IT ...
BLANG
SBLANG
SCHLING

SPOF
BLOM
GRRRAAHH
TON


CRAC
CROC

RUN!
THE TIGER'S
FREE!!

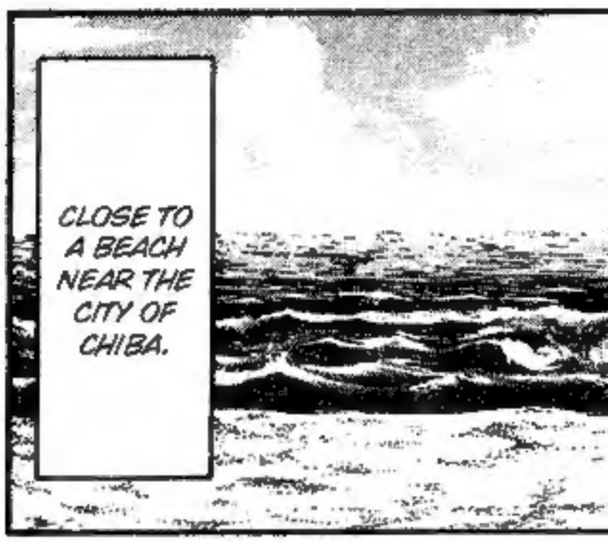

CHHH
WW

HELLO AGAIN, EVERY-ONE!
NONE OF US KNEW THAT SUCH A TERRIBLE THING HAD JUST HAPPENED...

AFTER THAT, WE WENT TO THE SEASIDE AND PARKED THE VAN THERE TO SLEEP,

BECAUSE YESTERDAY, THE DAY WHEN THE TIGER ESCAPED, WE MET THE NA-KAMACHIS...
AND MISTER NAKAMACHI DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A RADIO...

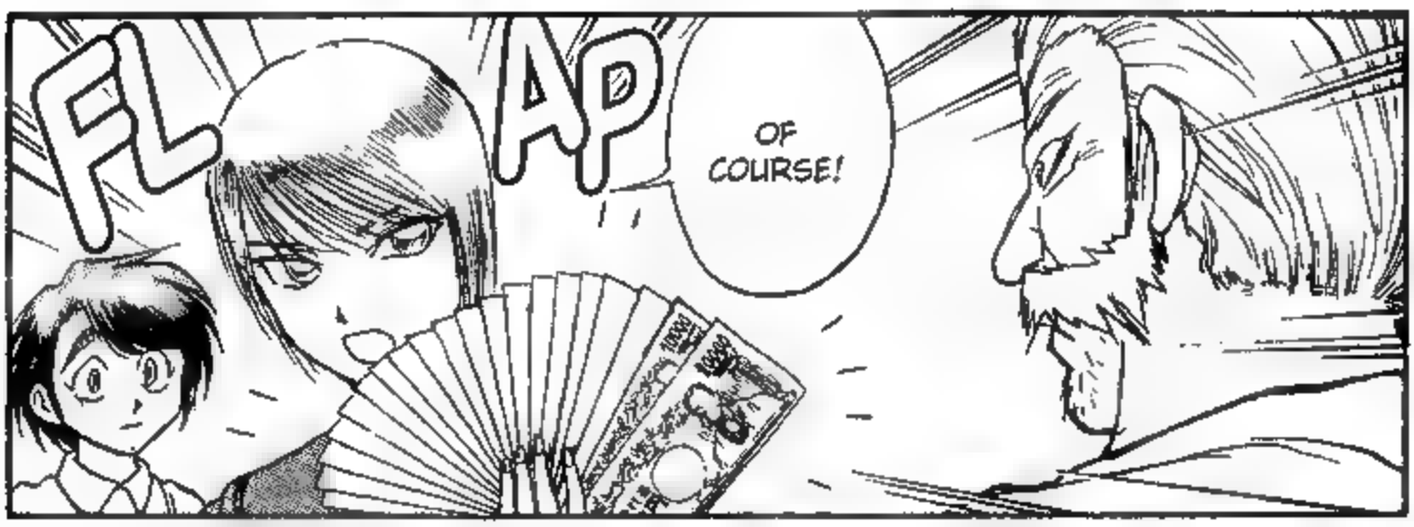
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT TO PAY BACK OUR DEBTS, WE HAD TO GIVE EVERYTHING!
BOSS! WE'D NEVER DO THAT!
HEY, BOYS... ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T HELP YOURSELVES TO THE CASH-BOX?!
DASHBOY

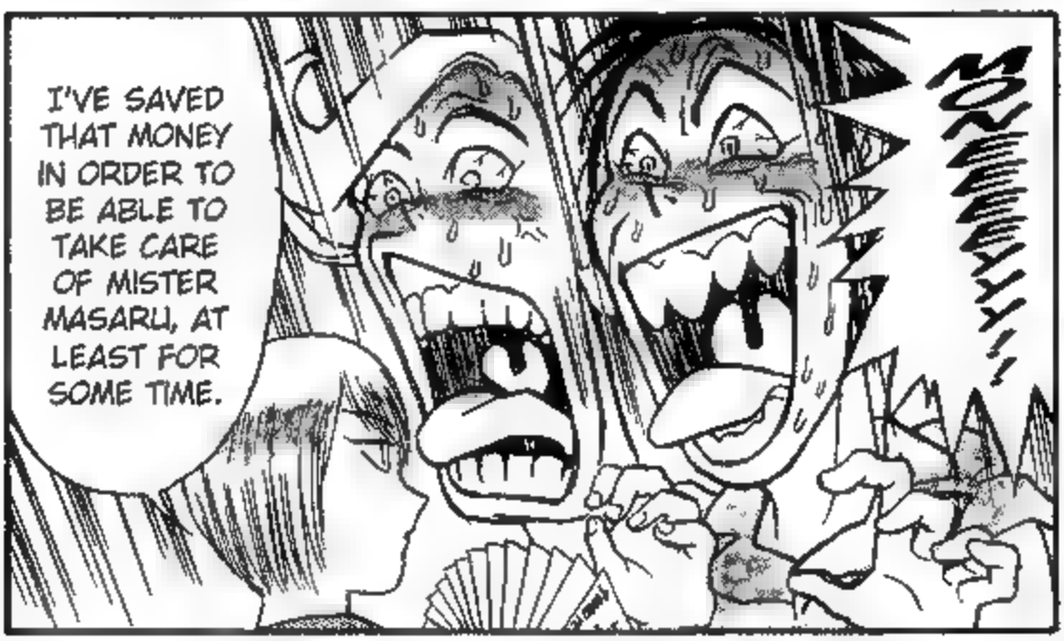

CLOSE TO A BEACH NEAR THE CITY OF CHIBA.

28330 YEN. THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT!
THERE IT IS ...

YES
IT'S REALLY NICE TO BE AT THE SEA DURING THE SUMMER! ISN'T IT, SHIROGANE?
HMM... WE WON'T DO MUCH WITH THIS!
HUM... SORRY...
SHUT UP, BRAT! WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GONNA GET OUT OF THAT SITUATION!
AND YOU'RE JUST HERE, SAYING "IT'S REALLY NICE TO BE AT THE SEA DURING THE SUMMER!"
YES!
STOP BOTHERING MISTER MASARU IMMEDIATELY! OTHERWISE...
BOSS, THAT BRAT'S USELESS! KEEPING HIM WITH US WILL ONLY BRING US BAD LUCK!
HOW PITIFUL! IT'S GREAT TO STILL BE A KID!
YOU HAVE TO KNOW SOMETHING ...
WHAT MATTERS IS FIGURING OUT HOW WE'RE GONNA SURVIVE.
OKAY... I'D LIKE TO KNOW A BIT MORE ABOUT YOU GUYS. BUT FOR NOW...

YOU SAID YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND THE CHILD. DO YOU HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO DO SO?
Yes, I agree!
Let's keep Shirogane and forget the kid in the forest!
I AGREED TO START A NEW CIRCUS WITH YOU. SO FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE FAMILY TO ME.
LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE FORMALITIES, OKAY...?


FLAP
OF COURSE!


I'VE SAVED THAT MONEY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MISTER MASARU, AT LEAST FOR SOME TIME.
MOUUUUUUU!!!

IDIOTS! THAT MONEY ISN'T OURS!
YEHAA!!
YAH Ouuuuu

HUH?
TAKE IT!
A TRUE ARTIST ONLY EARNS HIS MONEY THROUGH HARD WORK!
HE'S PROUD AND ACCEPTS NO COMPROMISE!
IF THIS IS TRUE, THE MONEY SHOULD BE FAIRLY SHARED BETWEEN ALL OF US...
YOU SAID THAT FROM NOW ON, WE WERE FAMILY, DIDN'T YOU?
OKAY.
BUT, I SHALL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU SOMEDAY!
ALRIGHT ...

SHIROGANE...
YES?
NOW I KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR WHILE DEALING WITH MONEY...
THE NAKAMACHIS ARE VERY KIND...
...BUT WE DON'T REALLY KNOW THEM YET.
ZZZ
SIR...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH PEOPLE CAN CHANGE BECAUSE OF MONEY, EITHER. SO...
SO... I'M AFRAID.
...I'LL DO AS YOU WISH.
MASARU, YOU LITTLE TRICKER! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US SHIROGANE HAD SAVED THAT MUCH MONEY?
GOOD BOY.
SMACK SMACK
WITH THAT LITTLE MONEY, THEY'VE ALREADY CHANGED SO MUCH!
I ALMOST DIED SO MANY TIMES BECAUSE OF MY MONEY.
OKAY.
DON'T TELL THEM I'M THE HEIR OF THE SAIGA FAMILY... AND THAT I'M VERY WEALTHY.

GRRR
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE KEEPS FOR US! WE HAVE TO CAREFULLY SAVE OUR MONEY!
DUMBASSES!
SO, BOSS! WE'RE GOING TO A GOOD RESTAURANT, AND WE'RE GONNA TAKE ROOMS IN A GOOD HOTEL NEARBY?
HEHEEEE
WHAT
BUT, BOSS ...
ENOUGH! SHUT UP!
RIGHT NOW, LET'S GO TO THE CITY TO BUY SOME CAMPING EQUIPMENT!
... LET'S GO!
VROM
COME ON EVERY-BODY, IN THE VAN!
WE HAVE TO BE WISE AND ACT PROPERLY IF WE WANNA SURVIVE!
VRROOMM
THAT'S UNFAIR.
Hoo
Geez

WATCH OUT!!
HINO
ARE YOU OK SIR?
YES!
SKKKK
SKIDD
CLAC
HEY! ARE YOU OK?!
TAN TAN

SHE
YES, I'M FINE... WHAT ABOUT YOU, ARE YOU WOUNDED?
NO... I'M OKAY ...
DAY

PHEW...
RRRP
ARE YOU OKAY, DRUM?!

HUM?
...TAKE ME TO BEAST!
AT THAT MOMENT, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT... BUT I WAS GOING TO FIND OUT VERY SOON AFTER.

LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW YOU BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST ASK YOU ...